

# Goldfinch Decorative Painters

## May, 2023



### *President's Message*

With over half of our membership participating, I think it is safe to say there was a positive response to the Lynne Andrews' seminars in April. Her technique was new to some, but everyone tried it. Some used it for their work and others went back to traditional floating, but in the end, all the pieces were beautiful and the two days were relaxing and enjoyable. As always, we were well-nourished, too – special thanks to the members who saw to that.

Looking around during the seminars, I was struck by how truly blessed we are, not only in having the opportunity to regularly come together, in a beautiful facility, to share our mutual passion for art and painting, but also by the presence that day of so many members who recently faced health issues – Helen, her broken wrist mended, Cindy and Lynnda, super-spry and positive after their replacements, Barb looking great after her month in the hospital, and of course, our warrior and inspiration, Marie. And what group can boast a 98-year old member as lovely as our Ruth?

We survived the transition to being a standalone entity and our membership seems solid at 29 members, some of whom have expressed a willingness to help out in different ways. We all have different talents and different life circumstances dictating what we can and cannot do for our group at a particular time, but it is my sincere hope that positive attitudes and willing ways will enable us to collaborate and enjoy many more enriching and enjoyable experiences in the days ahead.



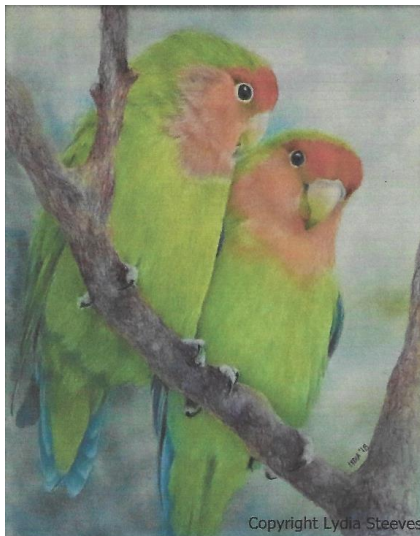
## Important Goldfinch “To Do” Items in May

- Pay first installment on insurance -- Done
- File annual IRS form – Due May 15
- From the By-Laws: Article VI, 5, “The President shall appoint a Nominating Committee and two committee members at the May meeting.” To be discussed at 5/9/23 meeting.

## Coming Up . . .

**May 9** – Business meeting at 10 am followed by painting – prepping for the May 23 seminar or perhaps just playing with pastels or working independently.

**May 23** – ZOOM seminar with Lydia Steeves (refer to info emailed on 4/29).



**June 6** – Painting BUDDY, the Lynne Andrews snowperson. If you want extra wood cutouts (\$2. Each, special pricing from Lynne for the Finches), please let Karen Hansen know no later than May 15 and they will be ordered for you. You can also paint him on any surface. No prep required. Colors needed: Americana Burnt Umber, Buttermilk, Graphite, Lamp Black, and Milk Chocolate.

**More for June ....**



Does your craft room ever get like this?

Do you have enough surfaces to keep three painters busy for at least three decades?

How about duplicate items?

The solution may be as easy as...

**Swapapalooza** – To be held June 23

**Details to be discussed May 9**

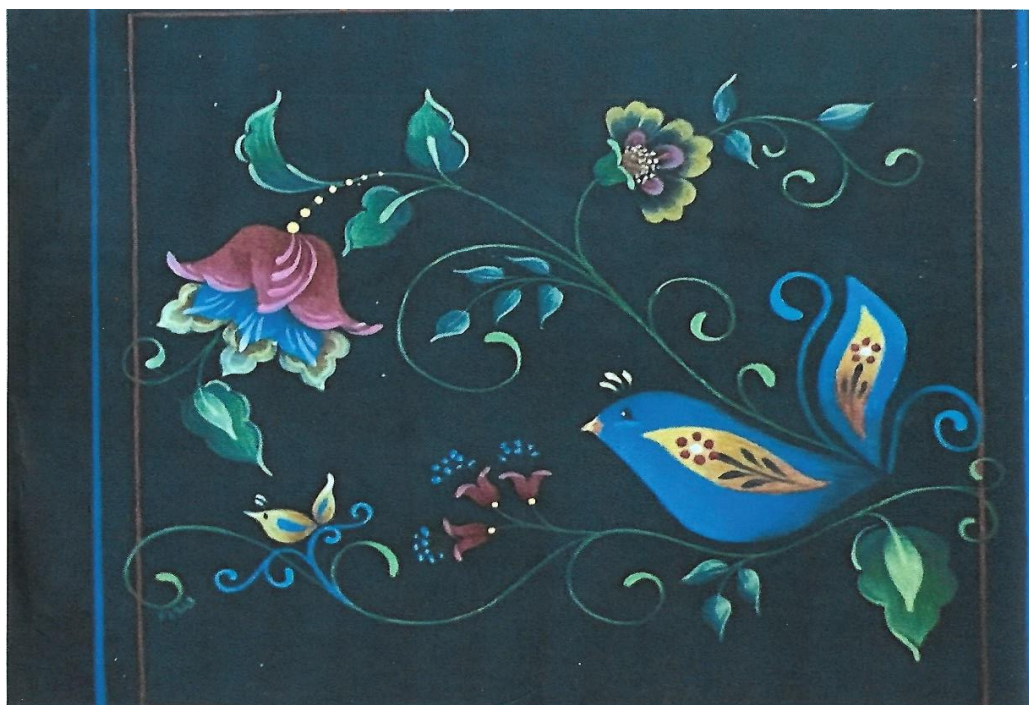
An opportunity to clean out your excess, pick up some treasures, do something for your club and have some fun.



**July 11 and July 25** - Remember the Karen Marchese projects that were postponed? The Strokework Program will be on July 11 in preparation for the Bird and Flowers Strokework Seminar on July 25. More information, including prep and supplies, will follow as we get closer.



*July 11*



*July 25*

Are we meeting in August? What programs do you want for the rest of the year? Interested in teaching a program? All to be discussed at the May 9 meeting.

Also on the Agenda for May 9,

- Will we be having a Luncheon?
- Someone is needed to make the arrangements for the Nancy Scott seminar on October 24, 2023. If you are interested in volunteering, please speak to a Board member.
- Is there anyone available to host the ZOOM seminar on May 23 – admit participants, etc.? We are contractually obligated to provide such a person.

If you have suggestions for additional agenda items for May 9, please email a Board member by May 8.

### *Treasurer's Report*

Balance in Valley Bank, as of May 5, 2023 is \$8,865.22.

Large expenditures anticipated

\$400, Lydia Steeves (May)

\$100, Nancy Scott (approx.) (October)

\$641.40, Insurance (August, October, December)

\$500. Reorganization Expenses to be reimbursed (approx.).

### *Newsletter Editor Needed – URGENT!!!*

The Newsletter Editor does not have to write the newsletter as much as gather information, put it all together and send it out. It would be a lie to say it is not a considerable amount of work, but it is a very important job in making sure that members are informed and up-to-date with events and important information. Please consider serving in this capacity? The Newsletter Editor serves on the Board, with a vote. Please let a board member know if you are interested.

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